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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION OF KISSINGER'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP FOR
FEB. 20, 1976.

FOR: STATE FOR ARA; USIA FOR IOP/M, IPS/PL, ILA.

LEADING LA NACION HEADLINES U.S. RECOGNIZES SPECIAL
SITUATION OF BRAZIL AND CARRIES COMBINED WIRE SERVICE
REPORTS DATED IN BRAZILIA "SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY
KISSINGER WILL SIGN AN AGREEMENT SATURDAY PUTTING
BRAZIL ON A SIMILAR LEVEL TO THAT OF JAPAN AS A RISING
WORLD POWER." IN ANOTHER LEAD STORY, LA NACION BANNERS:
"SUGAR AND BEEF: REQUESTS TO BE MADE OF KISSINGER."
STORY CITES CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES SAYING THAT SINCE
KISSINGER WILL BE HERE ONLY A SHORT TIME COSTA RICA'S
EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE
PRINCIPLE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. "IN CONCRETE, WHAT IS
OF INTEREST TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IS THAT KISSINGER STATES
THAT COSTA RICA CAN EXPORT IN 1976 TO THE U.S. 54 MILLION
POUNDS OF BEEF OR MORE. THERE IS CAPACITY FOR EXPORT
OF UP TO 59 MILLION POUNDS." THE SUGAR QUESTION IS
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WHETHER COSTA RICA CAN GET DUTY FREE ENTRY FOR SUGAR WHEN

ITS EXPORTS TO THE U.S. EXCEED THE \$25 MILLION LIMIT SET
IN THE TRADE ACT.

LA NACION ALSO PUBLISHED AN ITINERARY FOR THE VISIT HERE,
MUCH OF WHICH IS WRONG.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING EXCELSIOR FRONT PAGES EFE STORY
"RUSSIA CRITICIZES: KISSINGER TRIP WITHOUT CONCRETE BASIS."
MOSCOW STORY QUOTES TASS ARTICLE CRITICIZING THE TRIP.
MIXED WITH THIS ARE LATIN AND AFP WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON
VISIT WHICH ARE PLAYED STRAIGHT.

INDEPENDENT LA REPUBLICA FRONT PAGES AP STORY DATELINED
BRAZILIA: KISSINGER SAID: BRAZIL IS A WORLD POWER."
NO OTHER REACTION.
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